

**Clipboard Content and Document Metadata Collection****Abstract**

Provided is a system and method for the collection and storing of information relating to a document captured in a copy-and-paste operation of a word processing application, spreadsheet, presentation processing software or other application that provides copy-and-paste functionality. A clipboard interface collects and stores information, or “metadata,” relating to a selected document or portion of a document. Once the metadata collection system gathers information corresponding to particular captured content, the system stores the information as metadata so that the user or a subsequent user of the destination document can, when necessary, access the metadata associated with the source document. Metadata is stored either within the destination document or in another document that can be correlated with the destination document.